

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1, 3, 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frank in U.S. Patent No. 6,181,019 in view of Hardigg et al. in U.S. Patent No. 5,012,533.

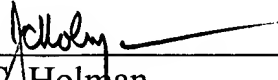
Applicant would like to thank Examiner Krause and Supervisory Primary Examiner Ridley for the consideration given applicant's attorney at the interview of October 31, 2006. At the interview, agreement was reached to distinguish the present invention over the rejection made in the Office Action. Accordingly, the agreed upon amendments have been formally presented herein. A search will be performed to determine if better prior art is available. In the absence of better prior art, the application would be in condition for allowance.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the present application, as they now stand, patentably distinguish over the references cited and applied by the Examiner and are, therefore, in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is in order, and such favorable action and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

However, if after reviewing the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorneys.

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